GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA

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TELECOM SERVICE IN NEPAL
RATILAL KALIDAS VARMA;Y.G. MAHAJAN

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are considering to undertake works in the field of telecommunication in Nepal in collaboration with that country;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken by both countries in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI A PRADHAN)

(a) to (c): Sir, Government PSU, Telecommunications Consultants India Limited (TCIL), is currently involved in:

Customer Care & Billing System for Basic Telephone Services of Nepal Telecommunications Corporation.

Execution of optical fibre cable project along East West Highway in Nepal.

And with Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited, Videsh Sanchar Nigam Limited and a local Nepalese Company, Nepal Ventures (P) Ltd. (NVPL) have formed a Joint Venture Company namely United Telecom Limited (UTL) in Nepal. The Joint Venture Company is operational since 10.10.2001 for providing Wireless in Local Loop based basic Telecom Services in Nepal.